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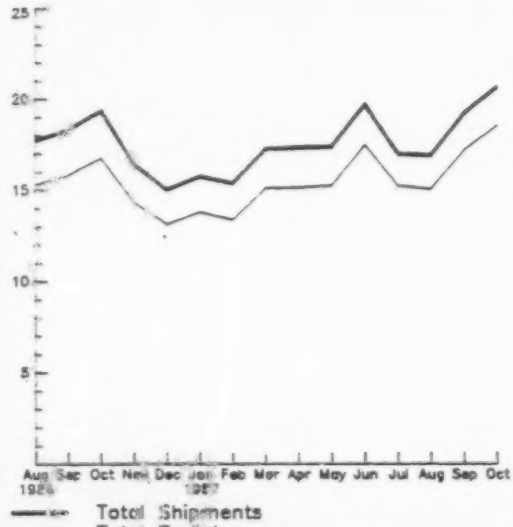
MONTHLY TIRE REPORT

October 1987

This report was compiled by the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) and presents a monthly compilation of tire and inner tube shipments, production, exports, imports, and inventory. The actual industry data reported is adjusted to include estimates for non-participating companies so that the figures presented will represent 100% of the domestic U.S. tire market.

PASSENGER TIRE SHIPMENTS



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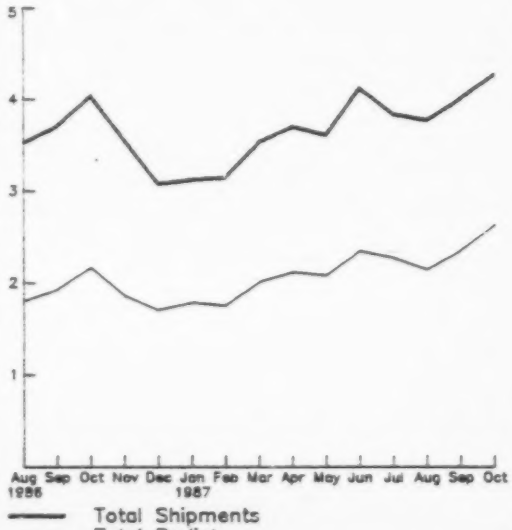
TRUCK & BUS TIRE SHIPMENTS



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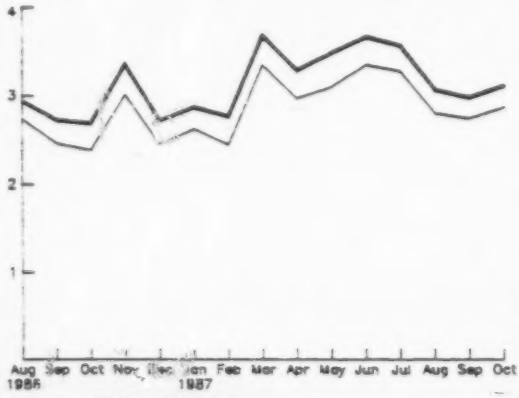

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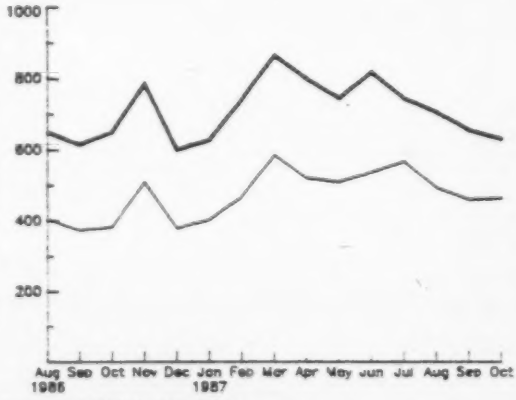

Figures in Thousands of Units

Above are two sets of charts which highlight shipments and imports of both passenger and truck & bus tires.

The shipment charts show monthly volumes for total shipments and radial shipments for fifteen months running. The vertical distance between the two lines in each graph is the non-radial portion of the total shipments. October 1987 total shipments are up +7.0% from October 1986 for passenger tires, and up +6.2% for truck and bus tires. The import charts show volume of imports of both passenger and truck and bus tires, as well as the portion of imports which are radial tires. From 1982 to 1986, passenger tire imports increased 101.1%, and truck and bus tire imports grew by 104.8%.

RMA MONTHLY TIRE & TUBE SHIPMENTS & PRODUCTION REPORT
(FIGURES IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS)

ISSUED: December 30, 1987

PASSENGER TIRES	October 1987	October 1986	% CHANGE	YTD 1987	YTD 1986	% CHANGE
Shipments						
Original Equipment	5,038	5,098	-1.18	44,968	46,493	-3.28
Radial	4,267	4,301	-0.79	38,155	39,119	-2.46
Replacement	15,044	13,802	+9.00	126,625	121,445	+4.27
Radial	13,771	12,086	+13.94	113,647	104,852	+8.39
Export	570	409	+39.36	4,814	3,342	+44.05
Radial	502	320	+56.88	4,205	2,567	+63.81
Total	20,652	19,309	+6.96	176,407	171,280	+2.99
Radial	18,540	16,707	+10.97	156,007	146,538	+6.46
Production	15,605	15,231	+2.46	140,229	134,028	+4.63
Radial	14,008	13,030	+7.51	123,410	113,424	+8.80
Ending Inventory	27,665	27,292	+1.37	-	-	-
Radial	24,882	23,873	+4.23	-	-	-
TRUCK & BUS TIRES						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	740	597	+23.95	6,646	5,833	+13.94
Radial	521	426	+22.30	4,623	3,912	+18.17
Replacement	3,322	3,318	+0.12	28,837	27,115	+6.35
Radial	1,956	1,669	+17.20	15,668	13,010	+20.43
Export	211	109	+93.58	1,686	1,098	+53.55
Radial	152	60	+153.33	1,200	656	+82.93
Total	4,273	4,024	+6.19	37,169	34,046	+9.17
Radial	2,629	2,155	+22.00	21,491	17,578	+22.26
Production	3,351	2,949	+13.63	29,865	25,934	+15.16
Radial	1,897	1,518	+24.97	16,925	12,698	+33.29
Ending Inventory	6,874	6,838	+0.53	-	-	-
Radial	4,270	3,871	+10.31	-	-	-
MOBILE HOME						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	77	51	+50.98	625	539	+15.96
Replacement	7	1	+600.00	91	55	+65.45
Export	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	84	52	+61.54	716	594	+20.54
Production	83	26	+219.23	626	477	+31.24
Ending Inventory	87	85	+2.35	-	-	-
TRACTOR IMPLEMENT						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	58	47	+23.40	498	442	+12.67
Replacement	211	201	+4.98	2,286	2,062	+10.86
Export	18	16	+12.50	180	145	+24.14
Total	287	264	+8.71	2,964	2,649	+11.89
Production	296	253	+17.00	2,552	2,300	+10.96
Ending Inventory	553	603	-8.29	-	-	-
INDUSTRIAL & UTILITY						
Shipments						
Original Equipment	553	537	+2.98	6,206	4,364	+42.21
Replacement	240	144	+66.67	1,843	3,844	-52.06
Export	18	20	-10.00	209	175	+19.43
Total	811	701	+15.69	8,258	8,383	-1.49
Production	952	754	+26.26	7,641	6,307	+21.15
Ending Inventory	1,609	2,267	-29.03	-	-	-
INNER TUBES*						
Total Shipments						
Passenger & Motorcycle	589	711	-17.16	5,022	6,422	-21.80
Truck & Bus	1,380	1,549	-10.91	12,110	13,129	-7.76
Tractor-Implement	238	241	-1.24	2,329	2,162	+7.72
Industrial & Utility	165	191	-13.61	1,667	1,704	-2.17

*. Inner Tube figures are for shipments only, not production.

In order to avoid possible double counting, export figures are as reported to RMA and will vary from data in government reports. This report is available from RMA at a $500.00 subscription rate. Year-end reports are available at $500.00 each. Figures may not add due to rounding. For further detail on tire and tube exports, refer to the RMA 501 report.

IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF TIRE AND INNER TUBES -- SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Report No. IM-145
(Units are rounded and expressed in thousands)

	TIRES									TUBES			
TSUSA NUMBERS:	772.5109	772.5112	772.5127	772.5129	772.5136	772.5138	772.5141	772.4500 772.4600	772.5000	772.6005	772.6010	772.6025	77
	Pass. Radial	Pass. All Other	Light Truck Radial	Light Truck All Other	All Other Truck Radial	All Other Truck	Motor-cycle	Airplane	Farm Equip.	Pass. Tubes	Truck & Bus Tubes	Tire NSPF Tubes	
1986													
January	2,332	225	125	50	275	177	177	3	46	424	233	327	
February	2,251	155	96	57	247	171	180	2	82	292	175	449	
March	2,296	213	109	78	298	157	165	4	64	372	218	360	
April	2,371	178	113	86	231	107	118	5	47	255	172	308	
May	2,650	179	110	68	270	130	252	2	42	244	204	313	
June	2,798	198	110	66	303	117	180	3	42	468	203	336	
July	3,506	236	119	112	337	161	156	4	91	361	261	395	
August	2,734	205	89	76	315	170	104	4	74	344	177	290	
September	2,462	260	84	106	289	134	86	4	46	310	148	243	
October	2,382	303	89	101	295	166	146	4	51	383	130	235	
CUMULATIVE	25,782	2,152	1,044	801	2,860	1,491	1,562	34	584	3,452	1,921	3,256	
November	3,015	342	105	81	404	195	160	5	83	343	180	396	
December	2,449	265	65	65	314	155	116	2	85	281	143	210	
ANNUAL	31,246	2,759	1,213	946	3,578	1,840	1,838	40	752	4,077	2,244	3,862	
1987													
January	2,625	247	106	56	298	168	187	2	28	301	140	328	
February	2,440	320	146	121	323	152	169	6	35	416	137	413	
March	3,345	334	161	107	424	173	166	2	43	292	155	441	
April	2,961	318	167	112	352	167	143	3	50	285	136	422	
May	3,095	385	169	76	339	159	160	6	52	364	169	388	
June	3,345	317	141	89	395	192	168	3	81	253	153	407	
July	3,266	290	134	53	433	123	105	2	49	255	157	439	
August	2,793	265	105	64	387	148	124	2	87	545	144	415	
September	2,734	236	100	50	358	146	84	2	71	284	93	455	
October	2,866	243	117	41	346	125	120	3	51	461	122	406	
CUMULATIVE	29,471	2,956	1,346	770	3,654	1,553	1,426	33	547	3,455	1,406	4,113	
November													
December													
% Change Month	4.8	3.0	17.0	-18.0	-3.4	-14.4	42.9	50.0	-28.2	62.3	31.2	-10.8	
% Change Month 87 vs. 86	20.3	-19.8	31.5	-59.4	17.3	-24.7	-17.8	-25.0	.0	20.4	-6.2	72.8	
% Change Cumulative	14.3	37.4	28.9	-3.9	27.8	4.2	-8.7	-2.9	-6.3	.1	-26.8	26.3	

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RUBBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION'S MONTHLY TIRE AND INNER TUBES REPORT

The procedures used by the Management Information Services (MIS) of RMA to compile this data are reviewed at least annually by the RMA Tire Statistical Committee. Committee members represent tire producing companies, both domestic and foreign, which participate in the submission of their monthly tire data to RMA for compilation into an aggregate report. The categories selected for presentation are based upon those developed by the Committee and in many instances upon classifications listed in the Tire and Rim Association's Yearbook.

Descriptions for the categories used in this report:

PASSENGER TIRES: all sizes and types of tires designed for standard highway passenger car service. It also includes off-highway passenger service tires such as racing car and dune buggy tires.

TRUCK & BUS TIRES: all sizes and types of tires which are designated as light, medium, dual, heavy, and large off-the-road truck tires.

MOBILE HOME TIRES: all tires designed solely for use in the transportation of permanent or temporary buildings, with wheel attached, from factory to site or site to site.

TRACTOR IMPLEMENT TIRES: steering and drive wheel tires used on tractors in field service or harvesting equipment. This includes combines, cane and rice field tires, log-skidder tires, and those used on farm implement vehicles.

INDUSTRIAL & UTILITY TIRES: all tires used for slow speed industrial vehicles and counterbalanced fork-lift trucks, recreational, boat, baggage, sports and special type trailer tires, as well as tires used on mining cars, lumber yard straddle trucks, wheel barrows, and garden tractors. This category includes swamp buggy, terra, snowmobile, mini-bike, and Go-Kart tires.

INNER TUBES: all inner tubes regardless of the type of tire for which they were manufactured. Only shipments are included in this report.

Descriptions for the various column headings used in this report:

Original Equipment: shipments to vehicle manufacturers for their original equipment.

Replacement: shipments destined for the domestic replacement market.

Export: shipments to points outside the United States by the participants, and as such, will differ from the export figures released by the U.S. government.

Production: units produced in domestic factories for the reporting period.

Inventory: stocks as of the last day of the reporting period covered.

Imports:

Data for imports are shown separately on this report; however, those of participating companies are reflected in all of the columns with the exception of production. Import data is from the Bureau of Census Report IM-145 derived from data from the Department of Commerce. The import data is listed by the seven digit TSUSA number (Tariff Schedules of the United States) and reflects both government and non-goverment imports from foreign countries into U.S. Customs territories.

The participants in this report include:

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Continental Tire Corporation
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company
Cupples Company, Manufacturers
Denman Rubber Manufacturing Company
Dunlop Tire Corporation
Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, The
General Tire, Division of GenCorp
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, The
Hankook Tire America Corporation
Kelly-Springfield Tire Company
Lee Tire & Rubber Company
McCreary Tire & Rubber Company
Michelin Tire Corporation
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